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SUBJECT: OAU MINISTERIAL III-JUNE 25- JUNE 26

REF: A. LIBREVILLE 1566

B. LIBREVILLE 1565 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: JUNE 25-26 HIGHLIGHTED BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION  
ON RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE (REFA) AND  
APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON EXPANDED THEME OF OAU ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA  
AND ZAMBIA. REFUGEE, PALESTINIAN AND DJIBOUTI QUESTIONS COVERED  
WITHOUT EXCITEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. MAJOR EVENT OF JUNE 25 PROCEEDINGS WAS ADOPTION IN  
PLENARY OF MOZAMBIQUE RESOLUTION (INCLUDING DECISION TO  
SEND OAU DELEGATION TO SECURITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE)  
REPORTED REF A. IN ADDITION, POLITICAL COMMITTEE  
BEGAN DISCUSSION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM WHILE ECONOMIC  
COMMITTEE NOTED REPORTS OF ADMIN SEC GEN ON : (A) SYMPOSIUM ON  
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DEVELOPMENT OF INTER AFRICAN COMMERCE AS CONDITION OF  
AFRICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF  
AFRICAN COMMON MARKET, AND (B) ESTABLISHMENT OF PAN  
AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION.

2. JUNE 26 SAW PLENARY DEAL FURTHER WITH MOZAMBIQUE  
AND TURN TO PALESTINE/ME ISSUE, WHILE POLITICAL COMMITTEE

COVERED REFUGEE ISSUE AND DJIBOUTI AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE  
TOOK ADMINSECGENS REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AND  
MULTINATIONAL AVIATION TRAINING CENTERS IN AFRICA.

3. ON MOZAMBIQUE, OAU CHOSE TOGO (CHAIRMAN), ALGERIA,  
GUINEA BISSAU, CHAD, CAMEROON, UGANDA, LESOTHO, LIBERIA  
TANZANIA AND EGYPT AS MEMBERS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CALLED  
FOR IN JUNE 25 RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE  
ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND INSTRUCTED COMMITTEE TO  
REPORT BEFORE END OF MINISTERIAL. ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ALSO  
AMENDED TO INCLUDE BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA AS POTENTIAL AID  
RECIPIENTS SINCE THEY ARE SIMILARLY AFFECTED BY RHODESIAN  
AGGRESSION. OAU ALSO CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATION MADE BY  
FNOMIN OF MAURITIUS TO CREATE SOLIDARITY FUND OF \$1  
MILLION TO AID MOZAMBIQUE, BUT THIS PROPOSAL PRESENTLY  
UP IN AIR WITH RESPECT TO BOTH AMOUNT AND COUNTRIES  
WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FROM FUND. IDEA OF CONVENING OAU  
DEFENSE COMMISSION DROPPED IN FAVOR OF LEAVING ENTIRE  
QUESTION OF AID TO MOZAMBIQUE, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA IN HANDS  
OF AD HOC GROUP.

4. PLEANARY NEXT DEBATED PALESTINIAN/MIDDLE EAST QUESTION  
FOR THREE HOURS, PRODUCING DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH,  
ACCORDING TO OAU SPOKESMAN, (1) REITERATES SUPPORT FOR  
PALESTINIANS, (2) CONDEMNES ILLEGAL ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB  
LANDS, (3) PROPOSES CONCRETE MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ASSURE ISRAELI  
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WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, (4) AFFIRMS PALESTINIANS  
RIGHT TO HOMELAND, AND (5) SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO CREATE DURABLE  
AND JUST PEACE IN AREA.

5. POLITICAL COMMITTEE JUNE 26 FIRST LOOKED INTO POSSIBILITY  
OF CREATING FUND TO ASSIST REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA BUT APPARENTLY REACHED NO CONCLUSION. QUESTION  
OF SHARAN REFUGEES BUCKETED TO CHIEFS OF STATE. (COMMENT:  
THIS APPEARS TO BE CMS SOLUTION TO ALL PROBLEMS RELATING  
TO SHARA.)

6. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF REFUGEE QUESTION, POLITICAL  
COMMITTEE TOOK UP DJIBOUTI AND ACCEPTED REPORT OF OBSERVER  
MISSION THERE. REPORT INDICATES SATISFACTION WITH GOV  
ARRANGEMENT OF REFERENDUM AND ELECTIONS, STATES THAT THERE  
WAS NO EVIDENCE OF INTERFERENCE, AND CONCLUDES THAT  
ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN DEMOCRATIC FASHION. (ALGERIAN  
DELEGATION REPORTEDLY TRIED TO DELETE LANGUAGE FAVORABLE  
TO GOF). CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS WERE SENT BY SECGEN  
ETEKI AND BY CM TO HASSAN GOULED, AND DJIBOUTI IS  
EXPECTED TO TAKE ITS SEAT ON JUN 27 AS 49TH OAU MEMBER  
STATE. COMMITTEE REPORTEDLY STILL CONSIDERING PROPOSALS

ON HOW OAU MIGHT FINANCIALLY ASSIST NEW NATION.

7. COMMENT: LANGUAGE OF PALESTINE/ME RESOLUTION AS  
REPORTED BY OAU SPOKESMAN APPEARS RELATIVELY MILD BUT  
FULL TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. AS EXPECTED, SLOW PROGRESS  
BEING MADE IN OPENING DAYS IN ATTACKING 48 POINT AGENDA,  
AND CM CONFERENCE CAN BE EXPECTED TO BEGIN  
EVENING SESSIONS TO MAKE UP BACKLOG IN NEAR FUTURE. STEIGMAN

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